



Winter 2001
COMMENCEMENT



MISSOURI SOUTHERN STATE COLLEGE

Thirty-seventh Commencement

10 O'Clock • Saturday • December 15, 2001

Leggett & Platt Athletic Center

Processional: "Pomp and Circumstance"	Elgar
"America The Beautiful" (Please remain standing)	
	<i>Missouri Southern Commencement Ensemble</i>
Invocation	The Reverend Judith M. Henderson <i>Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Neosho</i>
Welcome and Introductions	Julio S. León <i>President, Missouri Southern State College</i>
Address	Herb Schmidt <i>President, CFI</i>
Presentation of Class	J. Larry Martin <i>Vice President for Academic Affairs Missouri Southern State College</i>
Conferring of Degrees	Julio S. León
Presentation of Diplomas	J. Larry Martin
Remarks	Paul Teverow <i>President, Faculty Senate</i>
Announcement of Academic Honors	J. Larry Martin
Benediction	The Reverend Judith M. Henderson
Recessional	Missouri Southern Commencement Ensemble
Signer (for deaf)	William Newby

(Please remain seated until recessional is completed.)



About the Speaker

Herb Schmidt graduated Summa Cum Laude from Missouri Southern State College in 1978 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science. His rapid ascension in the leadership ranks at Contract Freighters, Inc. began in 1984 when he joined one of the nation's most exceptional trucking companies as Director of Safety. Appointed President in May 2000, Mr. Schmidt oversees a multi-million dollar concern with offices and trucking terminals throughout the United States, Canada and Mexico. He has served the company as Vice President of Safety, Vice President of Administration, Vice President of Operations, Senior Vice President of Operations and Senior Vice President of Marketing and Sales. CFI's international services lead the industry in providing a seamless transportation conduit throughout North America. The nation's 11th largest truckload carrier derives 50 percent of its revenues from business that originates from or is destined for Mexico.

In addition to the continental U.S., the company moves freight to and from every province in Canada and Mexico and even serves Central America. CFI has experienced dramatic growth with revenues climbing from \$14 million in 1980 to \$321.7 million in 2000. Its strong 5A2 Dun & Bradstreet rating and its rank in the top 1 percent in the industry with respect to profit margin are evidence of the company's strength. Mr. Schmidt served as driver supervisor, terminal manager and industrial engineering manager for Untied Parcel Service prior to joining CFI. His wife Suzanne, owns and operates Suzanne's Natural Foods in Joplin, and they have a 16-year-old son, Tyler. Mr. Schmidt served on Missouri Southern's Alumni Board and in leadership roles for a variety of trucking related organizations, including President of the Truckload Carriers Association and Chairman of the Professional Truck Driver Institute of America, a certification body for truck driving schools across the country.

Candidates for Honors & Degrees

Baccalaureate Degrees

Summa Cum Laude

Grade point average 3.90 or above

Belt, Alexander A. ♦
Cowgur, Cheryl A. ♦
Deshayes, Melissa Marie ♦
Dunn, Randall Jay

Hinman, Bradley A.
Kalinowski, Damian Krzysztof ♦
McCormick, Jenny Melvia

Phipps, Wendy Lee ♦ †
Spencer, Mary E. ♦
Talley, Kristy Elaine †

Magna Cum Laude

Grade point average 3.80 - 3.89

Fairbanks, Carla S.
Jelinek, Shanna Elizabeth
Kyte, Craig

Olson, Amber Shay
Osborne, Daniel Lee †
Replogle, Heather Nicole

Sellers, Erin D. †
Stewart, Cheryl Lee
Westover, Tiffany De'ette

Cum Laude

Grade point average 3.70 - 3.79

Bigheart, Juanita R.
Crafford, Anita Rae
Friskey, Michelle Kay

Langston, Melissa
Leverich, Amberly Dawn
Lund, Ryan Mikell

Morrison Jr., Gary Lynn
Phipps, Linda Diane
Rhymer, Jennifer Elizabeth

Associate Degrees

First Honors

Grade point average 3.90 or above

Field, Cathleen A.
Nunnally, Robert C. ♦
Rolando, Charity JoLynn

Third Honors

Grade point average 3.70 – 3.79

Gregory, Nicole LeAnn

School of Arts and Sciences

Bachelor of Arts

Aggus, Erin L. <i>English</i> Nixa	Christman, Stephanie Jane <i>Theatre</i> Joplin	Kelly, Kristopher Lee <i>Art</i> Joplin	Sandoval, Dytri <i>Political Science</i> Carthage
Bass, Leslie James <i>Political Science</i> Sarcoxie	Dickerson, Jesse Lyn <i>International Studies</i> Joplin	Kubicek, Rachel Marie <i>English</i> Joplin	Sellers, Erin D. † <i>Communications</i> Owasso, OK
Bigheart, Juanita R. <i>English</i> Miami, OK	Droz, Julie Ann <i>Communications</i> Rich Hill	Laning, Melody Ranae <i>Communications</i> Nevada	Simmons, Jason Ryan <i>Communications</i> Joplin
Bone, Jodie Ann <i>Communications</i> Pineville	Dunn, Michael Bill <i>Communications</i> Joplin	Leverich, Amberly Dawn <i>Communications</i> Joplin	Smith, Wesley J. <i>Music</i> Joplin
Brady, Dawn Michelle <i>History</i> Carterville	Elliott, Mary Catherine <i>Communications</i> Nevada	Morris, Erin Elizabeth <i>Communications</i> Nevada	Stearns, Kyle Wayne <i>Art</i> Carthage
Branum, Bekka Lynn <i>History</i> Monett	Ishii, Mayuka <i>Communications</i> Yokohama-shi-Kanagawa, Japan	Paothong, Noppadol <i>Communications</i> Joplin	Tyler, Jennifer Renee <i>Theatre</i> Joplin
Chairez, Luz Aurora <i>French</i> Joplin	Keith, Karina L. <i>English</i> Seneca	Pryor, L'Quincy G. <i>Communications</i> Augusta, AR	Wells, Robert Jeffrey David <i>History</i> Joplin

Bachelor of Science

Alford, John D. <i>Biology</i> Joplin	Chapman, Michelle Dawn <i>Biology</i> Neosho	Ferguson, Shannon Michael <i>Environmental Health</i> Pierce City	McCraw, Heather Lynn <i>Sociology</i> Webb City
Barchak, Joseph Patrick <i>Sociology</i> Wentworth	Clark, Carrie Ann <i>Biology</i> Mt. Vernon	Gilstrap, Misty Beth <i>Sociology</i> Neosho	O'Brien, Ashli Denise <i>Biology</i> Parsons, KS
Belt, Alexander A. ♦ <i>Biology</i> Joplin	Crafford, Anita Rae <i>Biology</i> Sarcoxie	Hummert, Melissa Lynn <i>Biology</i> Joplin	Oplotnik, Amber Clovise <i>Biology</i> Columbus, KS
Brown, Diana Darlene <i>Sociology</i> Webb City	Fairbanks, Carla S. <i>Biology</i> Creighton	Langenbacher, Jon L. <i>Biology</i> Eureka	Oplotnik, Ashley Grace <i>Biology</i> Baxter Springs, KS

Patterson, Jean Marie <i>Sociology</i> Pierce City	Son, Jung Eun <i>Biology</i> Carthage	Wichman, Jr., Robert William <i>Sociology</i> Florissant	Woolverton, Mirriah De An <i>Biology</i> Webb City
Phillips, Desiree' Marie <i>Biology</i> Webb City	Uhlmann, Jeremy S. <i>Environmental Health</i> Drury	Wilson, Jeffrey Lee <i>Biology</i> Fair Grove	Wyman, Anna R. <i>Biology</i> Alba
Slaten-Bickford, Shannon E. <i>Biology</i> Joplin	Wecker, Nathan Edward <i>Biology</i> Joplin,	Wilson, Shellie Marie <i>Sociology</i> Joplin	

School of Business

Bachelor of Science

David, Richard E. <i>Management Technology</i> (MIMS) Nevada	Higgs, Paula <i>Management Technology</i> (MIMS) Monett	Snowden, Steve <i>Management Technology</i> Springfield
Hand, Julie <i>Management Technology</i> Carthage	Macy, Pamela M. <i>Management Technology</i> Goodman	Turner, William S. R. <i>Management Technology</i> (MIMS) Carthage

Bachelor of Science in Business Administration

Alloway, Heath <i>General Business</i> Parsons, KS	Blazar, Candy G. <i>Accounting</i> Joplin	Buckner, Crystal G. <i>Marketing</i> Webb City	Crane, Patricia Marie <i>Economics and Finance</i> Neosho
Arnold, Mary A. <i>Accounting</i> Joplin	Bradshaw, Jeremy K. <i>Management</i> Joplin	Chairez, Luz Aurora <i>International Business</i> Joplin	Davis, Preston <i>Marketing</i> Springfield
Babbit, Stephana Marie <i>Marketing</i> Kimberling City	Braeckel, Selene R. <i>Accounting/Economics and Finance</i> Joplin	Chandler, Jessica J. <i>Marketing</i> Sarcoxie	Dodson, Sharen <i>Marketing</i> Purdy
Beerly, Andrea Layne <i>Marketing</i> Golden City	Briscoe, Sharon Hallum <i>Marketing</i> Miami, OK	Cleveland, Michelle L. <i>General Business</i> Bentonville, AR	Fields, Elizabeth Lea <i>Marketing</i> Webb City
Beyer, Jennifer M. <i>Accounting</i> Joplin	Brown, Jennifer Lynn <i>Accounting/Management</i> Mt. Vernon	Colgrove, Tina M. <i>Accounting</i> Joplin	Fleeman, Brock Randall <i>Accounting</i> Duenweg
Bickell, Deidre L. <i>Accounting</i> Vinita, OK	Bruffett, Christopher Lee <i>Accounting</i> Webb City	Couey, Richard <i>Management</i> Neosho	Forrester, Heather Dawn <i>General Business</i> Commerce, OK

Gray, Christy McNeal <i>Management</i> Nevada	Lee, Ryan E. <i>Marketing/Management</i> Joplin	Nguyen, Tram <i>Accounting</i> Joplin	Smith, Aimee Shannon <i>Accounting</i> Carthage
Green, Steven Tyler <i>Economics and Finance</i> Butler	Lewis, Sharon Lynn <i>Accounting</i> Diamond	Nordell, Sandra Lynn <i>Accounting</i> Reeds	Snow, Barbara Lynn <i>General Business</i> Neosho
Harnar, Lacey <i>Accounting/Economics and Finance</i> Joplin	Lewis, Stephanie <i>Management</i> Rogers, AR	Oliver White, Alice-Ann <i>General Business</i> Joplin	Stefan, Natalie M. <i>General Business</i> Golden City
Hayzlett, Cora Lynn <i>Accounting</i> Granby	Makeeff, Bronson Duane <i>Management</i> Carthage	Patchin, Laura N. <i>General Business</i> Sarcoxie	Stelmach, Jeffrey W. <i>Economics and Finance</i> Joplin
Henson, Emily Kathleen <i>Management/Marketing</i> Joplin	Martin, Kimarie Ann <i>General Business</i> Riverton, KS	Pierson, Melonie G. <i>Accounting</i> Lamar	Terry, Emily Lynn <i>Management</i> Purdy
Highley, Lisa Marie <i>General Business</i> Rich Hill	Mason, Sarah Elisabeth <i>Marketing</i> Joplin	Rhymer, Jennifer Elizabeth <i>Management</i> Sarcoxie	Torbeck, Tanina Lynn <i>Accounting</i> Lamar
Holland, Steven Aden <i>Management</i> Greenfield	Mather, Jeremy Michael <i>Accounting</i> Jasper	Roberts, Justin <i>Accounting</i> Nevada	Ushakov, Egor V. <i>International Business</i> Neosho
Hoyt, Yancey Swede <i>Management</i> Granby	Mauk, Brian Douglas <i>Management</i> Carl Junction	Roberts, Tanner Christian <i>Management</i> Joplin	Victor, Alicia <i>Marketing</i> Fairland, OK
Hummer II, Gregg S. <i>Economics and Finance</i> Joplin	Mayes, Holly Deanna <i>General Business</i> Miami, OK	Robinson, Stephanie LeAnne <i>Accounting/Management</i> Webb City	Voss, Kirk G. <i>Accounting/Economics and Finance</i> Joplin
Johnson, Benjamin A. <i>General Business</i> Broken Arrow, OK	McCulley, Suzanne E. <i>Management</i> Lamar	Rutledge, Chad P. <i>General Business</i> Joplin	Walker, Alicia M. <i>General Business</i> Joplin
Johnson, Benjamin James <i>Management</i> Mt. Vernon	McDonald, Patricia Wynn <i>Management</i> Pierce City	Schattilly, Beth Marie <i>Accounting</i> Tucson, AZ	Watson, Angela C. <i>Accounting</i> Joplin
Kalinowski, Damian Krzysztof ♦ <i>Marketing/Management</i> Gdynia, Poland	Mendez, Maria Guadalupe <i>International Business</i> Neosho	Schmidt, Susan Kay <i>Accounting</i> Neosho	Willard, Jr., John Keith <i>International Business</i> Wadsworth, IL
Karber, Jason W. <i>Accounting</i> Joplin	Mense IV, Eugene Matthias <i>Accounting</i> Webb City	Schroer, Jennifer Joanne <i>Marketing</i> Joplin	Williams, Jennifer L. <i>Marketing</i> Nevada
King, Jennifer Dawn <i>Management/Marketing</i> Carthage	Miller, Heather <i>Accounting</i> Joplin	Scott, Patrick <i>Accounting</i> Carthage	Williams, Thomas Langston <i>International Business</i> Joplin
	Mohn, Brian Thomas <i>Management</i> Granby	Shannon, Carrie Elizabeth <i>Accounting</i> Amsterdam	Yust, Robert Anthony <i>Marketing</i> Seneca

School of Education

Bachelor of Arts

Boyd, Shawn
Psychology
Carthage

Deardorff, Blake Walker
Psychology
Webb City

Hoagland, Lauren Elizabeth
Psychology
Carterville

McCormick, Jenny Melvia
Psychology
Joplin

Bachelor of Science

Branstetter, Ryan Douglas
Health Promotion and Wellness
Joplin

Kellhofer, Sara Renee
Psychology
Joplin

Mims, Marie Bernadette
Psychology
Carthage

Owen, Jared
Psychology
Joplin

Rojas, Kristine S.
Psychology
Joplin

Snow, Nichole Leigh
Health Promotion and Wellness
Joplin

Tyner, Robin Elizabeth
Psychology
Miami, OK

Bachelor of Science in Education

Baker, Lisa Isgrigg
Elementary Education
Webb City

Baugh, Kalyn Gwen
Elementary Education
Carthage

Boone, Nicole Marie
Elementary Education
Carthage

Brattin, Tiffany S.
Elementary Education
Rocky Comfort

Broadbuss, Angela Marie
Middle School Education
Carterville

Cassady, Sarah Wilson
Elementary Education
Carl Junction

Cowgur, Cheryl A. ♦
Elementary Education
Seneca

Crawford, Justin Lynn
English Education
Neosho

Creekmore, Michael Don
Physical Education
Joplin

Daniel, Chett
Social Science Education
Neosho

Davison, Tammy Marie
Elementary Education
Joplin

Deshayes, Melissa Marie ♦
Elementary Education
Longmont, CO

Duckworth, Kathy A.
Elementary Education
Joplin

Dunn, Randolph Jay
Unified Science - Chemistry Education
Neosho

Ellis, Deborah A.
Spanish Education
Anderson

Erwin, Brett J.
Physical Education
Nevada

Fisher, Lauren L.
Elementary Education
Mt. Vernon

Freeman, Michelle Lynn
Elementary Education
Webb City

Freeman-Postlewait, Jennifer Lynn
Physical Education
Purdy

Friskey, Michelle Kay
Elementary Education
Joplin

George, Kelly Jo
Physical Education
Monett

Gillispie, Jill
Elementary Education
Kimberling City

Goetz, Sarah Joe
Elementary Education
Florissant

Griffith, Sarah Louise
Elementary Education
Carthage

♦ 4.00 Average

† Honors Program

Hart, Valarie Hobson <i>Elementary Education</i> Carl Junction	LaRue, Kevin C. <i>Social Science Education</i> Ponca City, OK	Phipps, Linda Diane <i>French Education</i> Carl Junction	Smith, Jennifer Marie <i>Art Education</i> Neosho
Hayes, Dove Evonne <i>Elementary Education</i> Neosho	LoPresti, Toni Frances Rose <i>Elementary Education</i> Joplin	Phipps, Wendy Lee ♦ † <i>Elementary Education</i> Lamar	Spencer, Mary E. ♦ <i>English Education</i> Welch, OK
Hembree, Kim <i>Elementary Education</i> Diamond	Lund, Ryan Mikell <i>Elementary Education</i> Purcell	Pickering, Terri Denise <i>Elementary Education</i> Carthage	Stephens, Kelli June <i>Elementary Education</i> Cassville
Hobbs, Barbara <i>Elementary Education</i> Anderson	Manning, Joshua <i>Elementary Education</i> Southwest City	Randolph, Katrina JaNiece <i>Spanish Education</i> Granby	Sweet, Lisa Ann <i>Elementary Education</i> Webb City
Hoenshell, Sara <i>Elementary Education</i> Joplin	Moore, Shawna Kay <i>Business Education</i> Diamond	Reece, Misty Dawn <i>Elementary Education</i> Southwest City	Talley, Kristy Elaine ♦ † <i>Music Education</i> Joplin
Howard, Carolyn Michelle <i>Elementary Education</i> Carl Junction	Navarro, Jason Lee <i>Social Science Education</i> Diamond	Reogle, Heather Nicole <i>Elementary Education</i> Nevada	Taylor, Amanda D. <i>Elementary Education</i> Carterville
Jelinek, Shanna Elizabeth <i>Elementary Education</i> Monett	Olson, Amber Shay <i>English Education</i> Miami, OK	Rosebrough, Matthew Boyd <i>Elementary Education</i> Springfield	Taylor, Ashley D. <i>Elementary Education</i> Joplin
King, Lana Kay <i>Elementary Education</i> Diamond	Osborne, Daniel Lee † <i>Elementary Education</i> Jasper	Sample, Jill Elaine <i>Elementary Education</i> Salem	Turnbull, Bonnie Kay <i>Elementary Education</i> Marionville
Langston, Melissa <i>French Education/English Education</i> Joplin	Palmer, Laurie Ann <i>Elementary Education</i> Sarcoxie	Shaw, Eric A. <i>Physical Education</i> Stoutland	Westover, Tiffany De'ette <i>Elementary Education</i> Harrisonville
	Parrish, Christine K. <i>Music Education</i> Joplin		Williams, Charity Dawn <i>Physical Education</i> Neosho

♦ 4.00 Average

† Honors Program

School of Technology

Bachelor of Science

Blender, Chris Michael <i>Criminal Justice Administration</i> Joplin	Hunter, William B. <i>Computer Information Science</i> Webb City	Mackney, David Earl <i>Criminal Justice Administration</i> Joplin	Shryock, Katherine Elizabeth <i>Criminal Justice Administration</i> Webb City
Camden, Tina Dawn <i>Criminal Justice Administration</i> Joplin	Jensen, Jerome Allen <i>Criminal Justice Administration</i> Joplin	Morrison, Jr., Gary Lynn <i>Computer Information Science</i> Neosho	Stewart, Cheryl Lee <i>Computer Information Science</i> Carl Junction
Carter, Jason W. <i>Criminal Justice Administration</i> Rocky Comfort	Keith, Michael Gerald <i>Computer Information Science</i> Carthage	Nielson, Tracy L. † <i>Criminal Justice Administration</i> Joplin	Tyler, Jennifer Lynn <i>Computer Information Science</i> Galena, KS
Goforth, Tina Lea <i>Criminal Justice Administration</i> Butler	Kyte, Craig <i>Criminal Justice Administration</i> Joplin	Palmer, Michael <i>Criminal Justice Administration</i> Reeds Spring	Vaccaro, Vincente Joseph <i>Criminal Justice Administration</i> Anaheim, CA
Hartman, John Taylor <i>Criminal Justice Administration</i> Joplin	Ledford, Lance L. <i>Computer Information Science</i> Joplin	Pruitt, John W. <i>Computer Information Science</i> Harrisonville	Viebrock, Skyler Don <i>Criminal Justice Administration</i> Joplin
Hinman, Bradley A. <i>Computer Information Science</i> Joplin	Lewandowski, Mark <i>Computer Information Science</i> Joplin	Purse, Damian Louis <i>Criminal Justice Administration</i> Kansas City	Williams, Angela Jolene <i>Criminal Justice Administration</i> Miller
Howe, Terry D. <i>Computer Information Science</i> Neosho	Lewis, Viola Robinson <i>Criminal Justice Administration</i> Joplin	Rojas, Kristine S. <i>Criminal Justice Administration</i> Joplin	

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† Honors Program

Bachelor of General Studies

Bradshaw, Raman Leon <i>General Studies</i> Webb City	Earl, Jared L. <i>General Studies</i> Jasper	Harsh, James Christopher Bryant <i>General Studies</i> Carl Junction	Rogers, Kimberly K. <i>General Studies</i> Carl Junction
Brane, Karl Matthew <i>General Studies</i> Joplin	Gomes, Leonardo <i>General Studies</i> Rio de Janeiro, Leblon, Brazil	Horning, Kenny <i>General Studies</i> Nevada	Shryock, Mark A. <i>General Studies</i> Baxter Springs, KS
Daigh-Jacobson, Kelley Marie <i>General Studies</i> Republic	Griffin, Adam D. <i>General Studies</i> Republic	McKnight, Yancy J. <i>General Studies</i> Allen, TX	Starnes, Billy <i>General Studies</i> Kansas City
De Wildt, Pieterbas <i>General Studies</i> Biddinghuizen Netherlands	Hansen, Joseph D. <i>General Studies</i> Neosho	Miksell, DeAnna Nicole <i>General Studies</i> Joplin	Wood, Robert D. <i>General Studies</i> Joplin

Associate of Arts

Blalock, Brenda L. <i>General Studies</i> Joplin	Gregory, Nicole LeAnn <i>General Studies</i> Creighton	Murray, Elizabeth <i>General Studies</i> Nevada	Smith, Tabitha Ann <i>General Studies</i> Lamar
Cooper, Norma Leanne <i>General Studies</i> Carl Junction	Hensley, Amy LeAnn <i>General Studies</i> Carthage	Petersen, Gina Desiree <i>General Studies</i> Neosho	Stoker, Sarah Rachael <i>General Studies</i> Webb City
Field, Cathleen A. <i>General Studies</i> Neosho	Morgan, Daniel Duane <i>General Studies</i> Joplin	Rolando, Charity JoLynn <i>General Studies</i> Nevada	Strait, Wendy Rae <i>General Studies</i> Carthage

Associate of Science

Alderman, Debby Jane <i>Respiratory Therapy</i> Neosho	Burns, Steven K. <i>Computer Aided Drafting and Design</i> Saginaw	Carter, Jason W. <i>Law Enforcement</i> Rocky Comfort	Coleman, Tony W. <i>Law Enforcement</i> Sarcoxie
Blender, Chris Michael <i>Law Enforcement</i> Joplin	Bybee, Jill A. <i>Respiratory Therapy</i> Webb City	Chance, Victoria Ilene <i>Respiratory Therapy</i> Richland	Collins, Wilma Ramirez <i>Respiratory Therapy</i> Joplin
Bortel, Lisa K. <i>Respiratory Therapy</i> Monett	Byers, Brent Louis <i>Computer Information Science</i> Carthage	Cole, Julie Renee <i>General Business</i> Joplin	Dawson, Margo L. <i>Respiratory Therapy</i> Wentworth

Dunson, Michael Jeffrey <i>Respiratory Therapy</i> Joplin	Howe, Terry D. <i>Computer Information Science</i> Neosho	McFall, Christopher Michael <i>Respiratory Therapy</i> Joplin	Smith, Joshua A. <i>Law Enforcement</i> Verona
Gambill, Jr., Gary A. <i>Computer Information Science</i> Ogalla, NE	Hunter, William B. <i>Computer Information Science</i> Webb City	Miller, Linnie L. (Sue) <i>Respiratory Therapy</i> Stark City	Soprych, Sharon M. <i>Computer Aided Drafting and Design</i> Joplin
Gish, Amanda <i>Computer Information Science</i> Sarcoxie	Jensen, Jerome Allen <i>Law Enforcement</i> Joplin	Moore, Julie Suzanne <i>Computer Information Science</i> Winfield, KS	Spicer, Preston Scott <i>Respiratory Therapy</i> Joplin
Hall, Steven Wayne <i>Computer Aided Drafting and Design</i> <i>Computer Assisted Manufacturing Technology</i> Washburn	Kamler, Meghan Theresa <i>Computer Information Science</i> Joplin	Morrison, Jr., Gary Lynn <i>Computer Information Science</i> Neosho	Stewart, Cheryl Lee <i>Computer Information Science</i> Carl Junction
Hartman, John Taylor <i>Law Enforcement</i> Joplin	Keith, Michael Gerald <i>Computer Information Science</i> Carthage	Nunnally, Robert C. ♦ <i>Computer Information Science</i> Joplin	Stipp, Kyle A. <i>General Business</i> Stark City
Hartsell, David R. <i>Computer Assisted Manufacturing Technology</i> Pleasant Hill	Kooker, Jillian Leigh <i>Respiratory Therapy</i> Butler	Osiier, Brian Edward <i>Computer Assisted Manufacturing Technology</i> Jasper	Theil, Alicia M. <i>Respiratory Therapy</i> Carthage
Hatfield, Michelle R. <i>Respiratory Therapy</i> Carl Junction	Koronis, Tara Michelle <i>Respiratory Therapy</i> Picher, OK	Pruitt, John W. <i>Computer Information Science</i> Harrisonville	Topete, Carmen Liliana <i>Respiratory Therapy</i> Carthage
Higgs, Paula <i>Computer Aided Drafting and Design</i> Monett	Lewandowski, Mark <i>Computer Information Science</i> Joplin	Purse, Damian Louis <i>Law Enforcement</i> Kansas City	Tyler, Jennifer Lynn <i>Computer Information Science</i> Galena, KS
Hinman, Bradley A. <i>Computer Information Science</i> Joplin	Lewis, Caleb Andrew <i>Respiratory Therapy</i> Seneca	Reed, Steven D. <i>Computer Assisted Manufacturing Technology</i> Joplin	Viebrock, Skyler Don <i>Law Enforcement</i> Joplin
	Mackney, David Earl <i>Law Enforcement</i> Joplin	Rhinehart, Judith Ann <i>Accounting</i> Joplin	West, Jessica <i>Respiratory Therapy</i> Galena, KS
	McDonald, Patricia W. <i>Accounting</i> Pierce City		Williams, Angela Jolene <i>Law Enforcement</i> Miller

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† Honors Program

Academic Attire

As early as the twelfth century the first modern universities, at Bologna and Paris, were centers of European learning. The usual garb of the time, for both churchmen and laymen, was a long gown which was necessary for warmth in the unheated buildings of the day. Scholars, generally members of church orders, wore such robes and also hoods to protect their shaven heads. Later, skull caps were worn on the head, and the hood became a cape which could be pulled over the head in unpleasant weather. The hood was also sometimes used to collect alms from the more affluent members of the community. As additional universities were founded, distinctive forms of the gown and hood were adopted by their faculties. Variations indicated ranks within the institutions. Strict rules were published and in some cases punishment cited for tailors who departed from the authorized design.

The academic hat was a later development, adapted from the headdress of the ordinary people. Academically, it was originally worn as a symbol of the master's degree, and existed in various forms: some were round, some square and some had a tuft in the center. The flat, square "mortar board" of today originated at Oxford University in England.

Academic costume came to America in 1754 with the founding of King's College, now Columbia University. Styles became quite varied as they were in Europe, but in 1895 a group of American college and university representatives met to establish a uniform system of academic apparel for this country. This led to the establishment in 1902 of an "Intercollegiate Code of Academic Costume." The American Council of Education formed a committee in 1932 to review the 1895 code, which was again reviewed and revised in both 1960 and 1965.

There are today three basic types of gowns and hoods. The bachelor's gown has pointed sleeves and is designed to be worn closed. Recipients of the associate degrees wear gray gowns designed like the bachelor's gown. The master's gown is designed with an oblong sleeve, open at the wrist and with an arc cut away at the front of the sleeve. It may be worn either open or closed. The doctoral gown is of a full design with voluminous sleeves, and it also may be worn open or closed. Unlike the other two, the doctoral gown is faced down the front with velvet and with three velvet bars on the sleeves. These may be black or a color related to the subject of the degree. Thus, arts, letters and humanities may be white, business degrees may be drab or sapphire blue, education uses light blue, fine arts is brown, music is pink and science is golden yellow, to name a few.

The caps are always black, with a black tassel for baccalaureate degrees and a tassel of the color indicated above for master's. Doctoral caps usually have a tassel of metallic gold color.

The hoods worn by master's degree recipients are lined with the official colors of the institution awarding the degree. The binding and edging of the hood is silk or velvet in the color pertaining to the subject area. Doctoral hoods are longer and designed somewhat fuller, but the colors again are those of the institution granting the degree for the lining, and of the subject for the wide edging. There exists a small bachelor's hood, but generally it is not used in this country.



Our Mission

Missouri Southern State College is a state-supported, comprehensive college offering programs leading to the bachelor's degree. Faithful to its original statutory charter, the College also offers continuing education courses and a number of two-year programs in technical and vocational areas for the benefit of the community.

The College's primary emphasis is the offering of a baccalaureate program that fosters the total education of each student. Central to that mission is a strong commitment to international education, to the liberal arts, to professional and preprofessional programs, and to the complementary relationship that must exist between liberal and professional education in order to prepare individuals for success in careers and lifelong learning.

Inherent in its international approach to undergraduate education is the College's desire to prepare its students to understand world affairs, international issues and other cultures as seen through their history, geography, language, literature, philosophy, economics and politics. Knowledge and understanding of other cultures of the world also promote better understanding of our own valuable cultural diversity.

Missouri Southern's commitment to the liberal arts is reflected in a comprehensive program of general education requirements for all students to ensure that they have a breadth of educational experiences which will enable them to develop communication and critical thinking skills and to acquire and apply aesthetic, contemporary, civic, international, historical, mathematical, scientific and value-oriented perspectives.

The faculty and staff of Missouri Southern State College emphasize quality teaching and learning as the most important attributes of the College, complemented by scholarly and creative expression and dedicated community service. Community service involves responsiveness to the Southwest Missouri region as well as serving as the intellectual, creative and cultural center of the area.

In order to remain loyal to the trust given to the College by the people of the State of Missouri, Missouri Southern State College will:

- fulfill its mission and objectives in an honorable and ethical manner;
- periodically review its mission in light of contemporary changes in society and in the needs of the people of Missouri;
- continually assess the effectiveness of its programs in order to ensure their quality and integrity.